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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 30 December 1951 to 2 January 1952 follows.

1. Pol Dasht

30 December

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan: four trains composed of 16 passenger cars, two tank cars, 35 boxcars, 16 gondolas of poles, three gondolas of cases, six gondolas of timber, and five gondolas of coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 26 boxcars, and two gondolas carrying ~~cranes~~; two trains at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzshulfa to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, eight boxcars, two gondolas of iron, four gondolas of firewood, and two gondolas of boxes; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa: one train composed of 13 passenger cars; two trains at night.

2. Dzhulfa

30 December

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars and 1 boxcar; four trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, six tank cars, six boxcars, and one empty gondola; two trains at night.

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Dzhulfa cont'd

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: eighteen trucks, four jeeps, three automobiles, 106 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: fourteen trucks, three jeeps, two cars, 60 soldiers and civilians.

Fifty soldiers engaged in military drill north of Dzhulfa.

31 December

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars and one boxcar.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars and one boxcar.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: one train composed of two gondolas carrying iron and two catapults; three trains at night.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: one train at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: nineteen trucks, two automobiles, three jeeps, 104 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: seventeen trucks, one automobile, four jeeps, 95 soldiers and civilians.

Fifty soldiers engaged in military drill north of Dzhulfa.

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Exchange Trains: [] composed of five cars of coal weighing 200 tons and five cars of granulated sugar weighing 234,558 tons (sic, probably kilos) arrived in Iranian Dzhulfa.

1 January

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 14 passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan: one train composed of 66 passenger cars, and 17 gondolas loaded with wood, coal, and stone; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad: one train composed of 28 passenger cars; three trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: seventy-five trucks, four automobiles, 159 soldiers and civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa and Ordubad: sixty-eight trucks, seven jeeps, 125 soldiers and civilians.

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Dzhulfa cont'd

2 January

Exchange Trains:

Arriving in Iranian Dzhulfa: one train with four cars of granulated sugar, 189,217 tons (sic, probably kilos).

Arriving in Soviet Dzhulfa: one train with three cars of almond kernel, 50, 134 tons (sic, probably kilos).

3. Sia Rud30 December¹

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, three tank cars, 22 boxcars, one gondola carrying automobiles, eight gondolas of timber and poles, one gondola of coal, and two empty gondolas; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 19 tank cars, 28 boxcars, one gondola carrying engines, three gondolas carrying stoves, and 13 empty gondolas; one train at night.

31 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, four boxcars, and 18 gondolas of timber and lumber; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, three boxcars, and three empty gondolas; two trains at night.

1 January

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 17 boxcars, five gondolas carrying engines, one gondola of boxes, and 24 gondolas of timber; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, five tank cars, 63 boxcars, two gondolas of cases, and six empty gondolas; two trains at night.

4. Khuda Afarin

31 December

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: one train composed of 23 boxcars and 14 gondolas of wood; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: one train composed of 14 passenger cars; four trains at night.

1 January

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: two trains composed of two tank cars, five boxcars, 15 gondolas of wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 52 boxcars, and 41 empty gondolas.

2 January

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: one train composed of four tank cars, 14 boxcars, and ten gondolas of wood.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 15 tank cars, 16 boxcars, and four gondolas of wood.

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5. Astara

31 December

Two ships were observed on the horizon off Astara.

One platoon of soldiers held target practice behind the garrison compound at Astara.

Thirty-three soldiers were observed inside the garrison compound at Astara.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: forty-four soldiers and one officer on foot; one jeep carrying two officers and one woman; one ambulance.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: three trucks carrying 17 soldiers and straw; one ambulance.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: five trucks carrying 22 soldiers and 36 civilians; one jeep with four officers.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: forty trucks carrying 48 soldiers and civilians.

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One ship was observed on the horizon off Astara.

Ten soldiers held target practice with machine guns inside the garrison compound at Astara.

An unarmed company of soldiers were observed in the yard of the garrison at Astara.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: two jeeps carrying three officers; one ambulance.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: two trucks carrying straw and 12 armed soldiers; three jeeps carrying six officers and two women.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: one jeep with three officers; four trucks carrying 16 soldiers; three carts carrying 30 male and female soldiers.

6. Lutfabad

30 December

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: four trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 108 boxcars, and 30 empty gondolas; two trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: five trains composed of 35 passenger cars, 54 boxcars, and 40 empty gondolas; four trains at night.

31 December

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakhka to Ashkhabad: four trains composed of 23 boxcars and 60 tank cars; three trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakhka: five trains composed of 34 passenger cars, 20 boxcars and 46 tank cars; two trains at night.

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